



# Show-Me Literacy

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## Opportunities Occur as Industry and Education Work Together

The North Pacific Lumber Company (Nor-Pac) of Raymondville, Raymondville R-7 Schools, and the Houston Adult Education Learning Center (AEL) in Houston, Mo. have teamed up to benefit the employees of Nor-Pac by offering employees without high school diplomas an opportunity to complete their GED Certificate while working at Nor-Pac.

Nor-Pac manager, Steve Knue, discovered that several employees had not finished high school. During this time, Deborah Driesel, Parents As Teachers and Parenting Coordinator for Raymondville School, completed her AEL training. A conversation between the two about the need for adult education at Nor-Pac led to a meeting with Kaye Cochrum, the Houston AEL director, to establish a GED class at the Nor-Pac plant with Driesel as the instructor.

North Pacific provides the space and allows employees to take four hours per week, while still on the "time clock", to work toward their GED certificate.

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Nor-Pac employees are taking advantage of the educational opportunities being provided by the company, the local AEL program, and the school district. Pictured with AEL instructor Deborah Driesel (first person, front row), include, front row, from left: Chris Sawyer, Linda Kyser, Manager Steve Knue; back row, from left: Matthew Gale, Rick Daniel, and Rick Garner. Not pictured: Jimmy Ranier.

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## State Library, AE Partner to Provide Educational Materials

The State Library and Adult and Vocational Education have recently partnered to extend resources for adult educators in Missouri.

The State Library has used grant funds to purchase an educational use statewide license for two well-regarded adult education programs from Kentucky Educational Television, GED

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The mission of the "Show-Me Literacy" newsletter is to provide professional information-sharing, resources and news about adult education and literacy.

# From The State AEL Office

## Missouri AEL Director's Spring Meeting Scheduled

The Spring Director's Meeting is scheduled for March 31-April 2, at the Inn at the Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks.

This will be a joint meeting with all literacy coordinators (LC), similar to what was done two years ago. If any program is interested in starting a literacy program, they may request to bring a designee to attend the meeting. More details and registration will follow. A rough draft of the agenda is listed below:

### Wednesday, March 31

- 10:00 New Director's Meeting  
New Literacy Coordinator's Meeting
- 1:00 MAELAA Meeting
- 2:30 Welcome  
Fall Conf. Follow-up Activities & Reports (Dir)  
Literacy Coordinator Meeting (LC)
- 4:00 DESE Update (All)  
FY03 Performance  
Admin. Manual  
New Certification Requirements  
New Marketing Materials  
WIA Reauthorization Update  
Distance Learning  
Misc.
- 6:00 Evening Meal - Speaker TBD (All)

### Thursday, April 1

- 7:00 Breakfast (All)
- 8:00 Personality & Communications - Alan Foust (Dir)  
Adult Reading Research -

- Rebecca Rogers, Wash. U (LC)
- 12:00 Lunch (All)
- 1:00 Leadership - Alan Foust (Dir)  
Reading Comprehension  
Research - Daryl Mellard, KU (LC)
- 4:30 Dismiss (All)  
Dinner on Your Own (All)

### Friday, April 2

- 7:00 Breakfast (All)
- 7:30 Motivation, Learning & High Performance - Speaker TBD (All)
- 11:30 Lunch (All)
- 12:30 FY2005 Budget & Funding Changes (All)
- 1:30 Dismiss (All)

## Technology Survey Documented by World Education Organization

*Technology in Today's ABE Classroom: A Look at the Technology Practices and Preferences of Adult Basic Education Teachers* presents highlights from a technology survey of the northeastern U.S. conducted during the winter of 2003 by World Education based in Boston, Mass.

World Education is a nonprofit organization providing training and technical assistance in non-formal education around the world, with a special emphasis on adult literacy, small enterprise development, and maternal and child health. World Education's Literacy Literacy Divisions' technology work is designed to support standard uses of technology in adult literacy instruction

while identifying and encouraging other promising approaches, especially those that support learner-centered teaching practice. A pdf version of the survey is available at:

<http://literacytech.worlded.org/weitechreport.pdf>

## Teacher/Program-Created Resources Posted on Web

A few examples of teacher and program-created resources available via the web were recently posted on the NIFL FOBASICS list by Duren Thompson with the Center for Literacy Studies. The examples were provided at a national meeting of the LINC Resource Centers.

**Montana** has created online "enhancement" activities to go with in-class instruction in Language, Math, Reading/Listening, and Science.

<http://www.nwlincs.org/mtlincs/pilot-project/pphome.htm>

**Wyoming** is in the middle of Pilot Project to assist folks with "higher math" - preparation for Community College - lots of great worksheets! (Other tabs are blank - those are under development)

<http://www.nwlincs.org/wyolinc/lessons/math/worksheets.htm>

**Wisconsin** has put "mini-lessons" online for several AE subject areas/topics. Check out this site and click on ABE/ESL over to the left and then Math - 38 lessons. Including several on the calculator. (Requires Flash - you may need to download a plug-in. The site has a link and some help for you to do this.)

<http://www.wisconline.com/index.htm>

## Opportunities

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Knue said this is a three-way winning combination.

"The employee benefits by completing their high school equivalency program, and the company and Raymondville community both benefit with a better, more educated employee and populace," he said.

The manager has also taken several extra steps to encourage employees to participate in the program, including paying for half of the fees required to take the final tests for the completion certificate. Additionally, he will also take the practice exams to show his support. Before the program is completed, the management of Nor-Pac hopes to have all employees with GED certificates or high school diplomas.

One additional advantage for the community is that the classes are not limited to North Pacific employees, but open to anyone that needs a GED certificate. The Raymondville Parenting and AEL Center offers classes in GED, basic skills, parenting, computer, and much more. For additional information on this and other programs offered, contact Raymondville School at 457-6237 or Houston AEL at 967-5904.

*Article and photo provided by Kaye Cochrum, Houston AEL Coordinator.*

### TOTALLY

**E** News and notes  
**C** from the  
**H** Missouri AEL  
**N** Professional  
**O** Development  
**L** Center, operated  
**O** by North Central  
**G** Mo. College,  
**Y** Trenton.

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John Stains

## Academy of Reading Computer Program Develops Skills for Successful Reading



Jamy Preul

The Academy of Reading Software program is a very comprehensive reading program that will help adult students realize their full reading potential. The program contains a wide variety of assessment tools and several training programs that will help develop the skills that are necessary for successful reading.

It is designed to help at-risk readers, reading delayed or dyslexic students, as well as helping new readers in developing and improving reading acquisition skills and ESL students. AR covers lessons for pre-readers up to the tenth grade level.

One of the assessments that can be used in AR is a Reading Subskills battery. The precise assessment will diagnose the type of reader your student is. A Type O student is one who has difficulty with the oral reading of words and syllables. Type A students have intermodal-association problems, which is difficulty in the auditory-visual matching of letters, syllables and words. Type S students have difficulties with sequential relations and are notably poor in visual and auditory-visual matching of syllables and words, but not single letters.

Another assessment is the Phonemic Awareness Battery. Many studies have shown that there is a strong relationship between phonemic awareness, the ability to manipulate the component sounds. This test battery is recommended for students at the pre-reading and beginning stages of reading. It is also recommended for students with speech-sound discrimination problems, pronunciation, difficulties, poor word attack and/or spelling skills and students learning English as a second language.

Other assessments deal with word recognition and comprehension. Extra features of the Academy of Reading include a library with almost a hundred classics for students to read on their own time. It is also possible to add student writings into the Academy to share with other students.

Most of the PLATO labs have Academy of Reading networked on them. If you would like to schedule a six hour training at your site, please contact Jamy Preul at [aelcentral@socket.net](mailto:aelcentral@socket.net).

## 'ABC's of Literacy'-- Regional Conference Planned in St. Louis

LIFT-Missouri, along with various other sponsors, will be hosting the "ABC's of Literacy: Acting for a Better Community" Regional Conference March 11 and 12, 2004 at Webster University in St. Louis.

David J. Rosen, Ed.D., will be the keynote speaker. Rosen is currently a consultant to the Massachusetts ABE Distance Learning Pilot Project, to the Adult Literacy Initiative in the State Education Office in Washington, D.C., to the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and

Literacy (NCSALL), and to the California Professional Development (CALPRO) Education Project under the auspices of the American Institutes for Research. He has been the Director of the Adult Literacy Resource Institute at the Graduate College of Education of the University of Massachusetts in Boston; a consultant to the Westchester County (NY) Library *FirstFind* low-literacy web site project with the three New York City Public Library systems; and a technology consultant to the Durham

(North Carolina) Literacy Center, World Education, the WGBH Foundation, and the National Institute for Literacy.

A wide range of community leaders will give their vision of literacy in 2004 at the Panel Forum scheduled for Friday at 11 a.m.

An Awards Luncheon will be held at

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## Partner

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Connection and Workplace Essential Skills. Since this is a statewide license, any educational entity in Missouri can use the materials under the terms of the license. Through a grant from DESE, 14 AEL programs have received training for the two curricula and will soon have these materials in their classes. The partnership will also place these materials in some libraries across the state, seeking to support adult learners through library sites and expand partnerships between AEL programs and libraries.

The terms of the license extend until July 31, 2005, and include the following provisions:

- \* PBS, local access, and closed circuit TV systems within an educational agency may broadcast GED Connection and Workplace Essential Skills programs.

- \* Teachers, students, and others in the education field may record, duplicate, and use these broadcasts and keep the video copies in an educational program with permission gained through a form letter from the State Library. The copies may be retained.

- \* Workbooks that accompany the series are discounted with an order of five or more sets of either program. (Permission to duplicate workbooks beyond fair use is not included.) Groups may aggregate orders to obtain the larger discounts. The license does NOT include permission for digital or Internet reproduction, nor does it apply to any other KET programs. Educational entities may deal with KET directly and should remind the KET vendor that a statewide license is in place in Missouri since the license affects prices and options statewide.

The GED Connections program includes 39 videotapes and three workbooks that are geared for students with a tenth to twelfth grade reading level. The Workplace Essential Skills curriculum consists of 25 video programs and 4 workbooks at a roughly eighth grade read-

ing level. The videos for both series contain material to orient and interest viewers and demonstrate skills, while the practice elements and some instruction are contained in the workbooks. The "soft skills" lessons in the Workplace Essential Skills videos/broadcasts may be useful by themselves for job seekers, instructors in career centers, workplace readiness programs, and in some ESOL settings.

For AEL questions regarding the KET video project, please contact Linda Hays, Supervisor in Adult Education and Literacy at e-mail

[Linda.Hays@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Linda.Hays@dese.mo.gov) or phone 573-751-1248. The contact person for permission to duplicate materials or for other procedural questions regarding the license is Karen Jones, Library Literacy Consultant, e-mail [karen.jones@sos.mo.gov](mailto:karen.jones@sos.mo.gov), phone 800-325-0131 ext. 11 or 573-751-0158.

## ABC's

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12:15 on Thursday. KMOV-TV news anchor Vickie Newton will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies as students and tutors will be honored for their commitment to literacy.

Non-profit programs have the opportunity to present a table display highlighting their ideas and achievements during the poster session. These unmanned tables, displayed in the Campus Center, will be accessible to the public for the duration of the conference.

Additionally, numerous topics will be available during the workshop sessions, including Adult Education, Advocacy, Early Childhood Education, Education and Technology, ESOL, Health Literacy, Literacy Tutor Training, Social Service, Grantwriting, Business Community, and others.

Registration fee is \$35 for both days if postmarked by March 4th. Friday-only rates also are available. For more information, see [www.lift-missouri.org](http://www.lift-missouri.org) or call toll free 1-866-814-7323.

## ESL Conference Scheduled for Mid-March

The Missouri ESL Educators' Conference will be held March 12 & 13, 2004, in Springfield, Mo. This year's theme is "More Bricks/Less Straw: How to make the most with limited resources."

SMSU's Center for Continuing and Professional Education is coordinating the conference.

This conference will provide an opportunity to share ideas of cost-effective ways to create an exciting learning environment for students, whether they are K-12, college/university students, or adult learners. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with other ESL professionals and hear from experts in the field.

### Registration

On Friday evening, registration will be held on the first floor of the Alumni Center. The Alumni Center is located at 300 S. Jefferson (on the corner of Jefferson and McDaniel) in Springfield.

Registration Saturday morning will be held at the Jim D. Morris Center, which is directly across the street from the Alumni Center at 301 S. Jefferson. All concurrent sessions will be held in the English Language Institute, second floor of the Jim D. Morris Center.

The luncheon will be held at the SMSU Kentwood Hall, 700 E. St. Louis Street. (Transportation will be provided.)

Educators are encouraged to participate in the conference by presenting a paper, demonstration, workshop or panel discussion in any of the areas of ESL education: Public Education, Migrant/Adult, Higher Education or General. For more information or to register, see <http://ccpe.smsu.edu/esl>; (417) 836-6660.



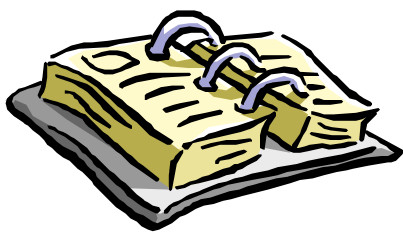
## Missouri AELPD Center Announces Inservice Schedule

The Missouri AELPD Center at Trenton recently announced the schedule of 4-hour inservices for AEL instructors. One 4-hour inservice is required per program year to keep AEL certification current. New to the schedule are the online trainings. Director John Stains said participants do not have to travel to the online site if they have internet access at their sites. They may also travel to the online sites if needed. Instructors should contact their program director for enrollment and other information. Independent instructors or others needing further information can contact the center at (660) 359-3948 ext. 330, [maelpdc@mail.ncmissouri.edu](mailto:maelpdc@mail.ncmissouri.edu).

The pilot online AEL teacher inservice was held in December by the Missouri AEL Professional Development Center, operated by North Central Mo. College in Trenton. HorizonLive was the tool utilized to deliver the online training. The topic was the "Wide World of Assessments". Director John Stains said the inservice went well and the center hopes to begin scheduling more soon. For more information, contact Sandi Hendricks at [aelsouth@socket.net](mailto:aelsouth@socket.net) or Jamy Preul at [aelcentral@socket.net](mailto:aelcentral@socket.net)

### North Central Missouri College Missouri Adult Education & Literacy Professional Development Center FY04 In-service Schedule

Location	Date	Time	Format	Emphasis	Capacity
Springfield	2/21/04	8-12	face to face	TABE	50
North Kansas City	2/21/04	9-1	face to face	TABE	50
ONLINE (Carthage)	2/27/04	1-5	on line	TABE	24
North Kansas City	3/5/04	5-9	face to face	TABE	50
ONLINE (Union)	3/6/04	8-12	on line	TABE	24
Parkway	3/18/04	5:45-9:45	face to face	CASAS	50
Parkway	3/19/04	1-5	face to face	CASAS	50
Della Lamb	3/20/04	8-12	face to face	CASAS	50
University City	3/20/04	8-12	face to face	CASAS	50
University City	3/20/04	1-5	face to face	CASAS	50
Van Far	3/23/04	5-9	face to face	TABE	50
Bonne Terre	3/26/04	6-10	face to face	TABE	50
Bonne Terre	3/26/04	12-4	face to face	TABE	50
ONLINE (Trenton)	4/8/04	2-6	on line	TABE	24
Columbia	4/16/04	12:30-4:30	face to face	CASAS	50
ONLINE (Neosho)	4/17/04	10-2	on line	TABE	24
Kirkwood	5/14/04	5:30-9:30	face to face	TABE	50
Kirkwood	5/14/04	5:30-9:30	face to face	CASAS	50
Kirkwood	5/15/04	8-12	face to face	TABE	50
Kirkwood	5/15/04	8-12	face to face	TABE	50
MAACCE (Tan-Tar-A)	6/15/04	1-5	face to face	TABE	50



# Show-Me...

## What's Happening

### Spring MO AEL Director's & Literacy Coordinator's Meeting

*Inn at the Grand Glaize  
March 31-April 2, 2004  
Lake of the Ozarks, Mo*

### ABC's of Literacy Regional Conference

*St. Louis, Mo.  
March 11 & 12, 2004  
[www.lift-missouri.org](http://www.lift-missouri.org)  
(1-866-814-READ)*

### 2004 COABE National Conference

*The Commission on Adult  
Basic Education (COABE)  
and the Ohio Association for  
Adult and Continuing  
Education (OAACE)  
April 24 - 28, 2004  
Columbus, Ohio  
<http://www.coabe04.org/>*

### MAEL PDC BTW Schedule

The Missouri AEL Professional Development Center at North Central Missouri College, Trenton, announces the Beginning Teacher Workshop (BTW) schedule. Completion of a BTW is required for initial AEL teacher certification. Preregistration is required. All workshops will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. **For more information, contact the center at (660) 359-3948 or [maelpdc@mail.ncmissouri.edu](mailto:maelpdc@mail.ncmissouri.edu)**

#### Dates

March 13-14  
May 8-9

#### Deadline

March 1  
April 26

Day 1 agenda is from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. with breakfast and lunch included; Day 2 agenda is from 7:30 a.m. to noon with breakfast included.

### Show-Us... Your Stuff!

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